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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Meeting of ORN Standing Group on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications

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1. The special meeting of the Standing Group was held on 7 October 1958 in Room 1146 Que Building for the purpose of being briefed by Chief, Foreign Documents Division, Office of Operations on the particulars and plans of the programs being set up by the National Science Foundation and by the Library of Congress to obtain translation services under the terms of PL 480.

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2. [REDACTED] quoted the provisions of PL 480 which make the two programs possible and explained that counterpart funds from this Farm Surplus bill would be used to have translation work done in various foreign countries. Initially, translations will be limited to the languages of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The National Science Foundation will handle translations in the scientific and technical fields and has divided its program into two parts. Their program during FY '59 will deal only with those documents published in 1955 or earlier and 1.2 million dollars has been appropriated for this work. Their FY '60 program will cover material published since 1955 and substantially larger funds will be requested for that year. The delineation was made in order that there would be no interference with current translation work. The Library of Congress Program will cover all periods of time and all fields other than scientific and technical. No funds have as yet been appropriated for use by Library of Congress but proposals for appropriations for fiscal 1959 will be presented to Congress on 20 of October. These programs are in addition to current FDD and JPRS activities and will be used to supplement the work of those organizations.

3. Discussion then centered on the estimates which ORR would make for its translation needs under the NSG and Library of Congress programs. [REDACTED] said that FID already had made its estimate of ORR's needs based on experience and that adjustments would be made in that estimate upon receipt of the ORR figures. Each member of the Standing Group was asked to submit his estimate of the number of pages in each language under each of the three breakdowns of the program.

4. Although ORR estimates have been made in the three categories, it is quite likely that all work will be done under the Library of Congress Program.

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Attachment:

Table of Translation Estimates